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1. Chasovia (sic, not located on map) is a modern industrial town with a population of approximately 10,000 Russians and 20,000 PWs and internees. Although 80% of the town was destroyed during the war, 50% has been rebuilt. There is a clay and loam factory here which produces firebrick; it is equipped with American machinery. has the latest type of automatic tile presses, and is steam heated. The plant employs approximately 800 men, all of whom are Romanian internees and Russian overseers. Incomes of Russian workers in the vicinity vary from 200 to 1,000 rubles; agricultural workers often receive even less than the minimum.

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2. Chirezinki (60 km from Stalino, unlocated) is the center of an extensive coal producing country. The town has a population of approximately 30,000, most of whom are inducted laborers from other parts of Russia. The majority works in the pits; both men and women perform work underground which requires great physical effort. The highest wages of 600 to 2,000 rubles per month, based upon individual production, are paid to underground workers. There is a camp for laborers in the area, which is composed of approximately 1,400 Romanian civilians (ethnic Germans).

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3. In 1944, Kharkov (49°58' N, 36°11' E) was 90% destroyed; at present, approximately 75% of the city has been rebuilt. There are eight or nine factories in the city, which produce household articles, sewing machines modeled after the Singer patent, bicycles, cars, and rifles. The rifles are manufactured in a factory bearing the name "Krupp" in large Russian letters; this plant also produced rifles in World War I. ~~Comment: See [redacted] for information regarding the Stalin tractor plant in Kharkov.~~

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